

TOUR DU MONT BLANC

Detailed itinerary, 12-day trip:

Day 01: Meeting of clients at Geneva airport, transfer to the Chamonix valley. Briefing and welcome dinner.

Day 02: Day-hike up to Lac Blanc, from where you will get your first fantastic look at the French side of the Mont Blanc Massif. We have lunch and coffee at the Lac Blanc refuge, then, walk back across the Grand Balcon Sud and down to Les Praz straight to our hotel. This is a warm-up day that enables us to check your gear and make sure that everything works.

Walking time: 5 hours

Accommodation: Upscale Hotel**/Chalet in Les Praz

Day 03: Vehicle transfer to Les Houches. A quick ride in the Bellevue cable car brings us to the start of the trek. A good day's walk with spectacular views of the Dome du Gouter and the Aiguilles de Chamonix, then we walk down to the charming alpine village of Les Contamines.

Walking time: 6 hours

Accommodation: Hotel*** in Les Contamines

Day 04: An early start to walk up the Col du Bonhomme 2,599m (8'527 ft) and its refuge for a well-deserved rest, then down to the little hamlet of Les Chapieux 1,705m (5'594 ft). If the weather and clients' ability permits, we will do a variation and walk over the Col des Fours down to Ville des Glaciers, where our private vehicle awaits, bringing us to our mountain inn for the night.

Walking time: depending on the route, 6 – 7 hours

Accommodation: Mountain inn in Chapieux.

Day 05: In Chapieux, we have a guided visit of a local cooperative, which produces one of France's famous cheeses, the Beaufort. After buying some for our lunch later on, we continue on a long, steady climb to the Col de la Seigne 2,516m (8'254 ft), where we cross over to the Italian side and to the Elisabetta hut for our first real Italian coffee. We carry on along the Lac Combal, then a quick transfer to Courmayeur.

Walking time: 7 hours

Accommodation: Hotel*** in Courmayeur.

Day 06: Rest day in Courmayeur

Day 07: An easy start to the day, a short transfer by van to Courmayeur, where you will have some free time to explore and to go shopping. From the old part of Courmayeur, we walk up to the Bertone hut for a well deserved Italian lunch, before we walk along the Mont de la Saxe Ridge which offers us some of the most beautiful views of the Tour du Mont Blanc. We will spend the night in the Bonatti hut, where food and wine are copious (You won't be disappointed!!)

Walking time: 6 hours

Accommodation: Mountain hut

- Day 08:** Today is a fairly leisurely hiking day, which gives us the opportunity to rest. From the Bonatti hut, we continue up the Col Ferret, and cross over to Switzerland. Some coffee and cake at La Peule, and after a quick descent we will reach the little village of La Fouly.
Walking time: 4/5 hours
Accommodation: Hotel in La Fouly
- Day 09:** Weather permitting, we have a long but spectacular walk up to the Cabane d'Orny (2,900m), perched at the foot of the glacier. If the weather is uncooperative, we have a lower route from La Fouly to Champex, where we will be staying for the night.
Walking time: 7 - 8 hours
Accommodation: Hotel in Champex
- Day 10:** From Champex, there are two options: Either a more arduous climb up the Fenêtre d'Arpette with a spectacular view of the Trient glacier and the Aiguille du Tour, or around the ridge on the Bovine trail to the Col de la Forclaz, then a quick van transfer to the charming village of Finhaut for the night.
Walking time: 5 - 7 hours, depending on the route
Accommodation: Hotel
- Day 11:** The final day, the Massif du Mont Blanc awaits and the last obstacle is the Col de Balme and the gentle descent into the village of Le Tour and then into Argentière for a much-deserved drink.
Walking time: 5 hours
Accommodation: Hotel/Chalet in the Chamonix valley
- Day 12:** Departure day, all clients will be brought to Geneva airport, according to their flight schedule.

TOUR DU MONT BLANC

Detailed itinerary, 8-day trip:

- Day 01:** Arrival day, all guests will be met at Geneva airport. Transfer to the Chamonix valley, briefing and welcome dinner.
- Day 02:** Day-hike up to Lac Blanc, from where you will get your first fantastic look at the French side of the Mont Blanc Massif. We have lunch and coffee at the Lac Blanc refuge, then, walk back across the Grand Balcon Sud and down to Les Praz straight to our hotel. This is a warm-up day that enables us to check your gear and make sure that everything works.
Walking time: 5 hours
Accommodation: Upscale Hotel**/Chalet in Les Praz
- Day 03:** Transfer by van to Les Contamines. An early start to walk up the Col du Bonhomme 2,599m (8'527 ft) and its refuge for a well-deserved rest, then down to the little hamlet of Les Chapieux 1,705m (5'594 ft). If the weather and clients' ability permits, we will do a variation and walk over the Col des Fours down to Ville des Glaciers, where our private vehicle awaits, bringing us to our mountain inn for the night.
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Walking time: 7 hours
Accommodation: Hotel**
- Day 05:** Today is a fairly leisurely hiking day, which gives us the opportunity to rest. From Pré de Pascal we drive to Courmayeur for a coffee stop. Then a quick transfer by van to La Vachey, from where we hike up the Col Ferret, and cross over to Switzerland. Some coffee and cake at La Peule, and after a quick descent we will reach the little village of La Fouly. Our van will bring us to Champex for the night.
Walking time: 4/5 hours
Accommodation: Hotel *** in Champex.
- Day 06:** From Champex, there are two options: Either a more arduous climb up the Fenêtre d'Arpette with a spectacular view of the Trient glacier and the Aiguille du Tour, or around the ridge on the Bovine trail to the Col de la Forclaz, then a quick van transfer to the charming village of Finhaut for the night.
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Accommodation: Hotel/Chalet in the Chamonix valley
- Day 08:** Departure day, all clients will be brought to Geneva airport, according to their flight schedule.